

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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OXYGEN CYLINDERS IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of oxygen cylinders in several Government hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether some deaths occurred recently due to its shortage;
- (d) if so, the details of the last one year and till date in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the above shortage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Health being a State subject, the information in respect of Government hospitals in States is not available in this Ministry. However, there is no shortage of oxygen cylinders in the Central Government hospitals viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and LHMC & Associated Hospitals.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (e) Do not arise.